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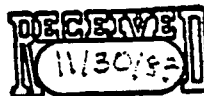
Because of the desire of this office to be responsive to all inquiries and communications, your consideration of the attached is requested. Your findings and views, in duplicate form, along with return of the enclosure, will be appreciated by

(original signed by Barry Goldwater)

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Dear Senator Goldwater;

It has come to my attention that the arsenic emissions standards are to be based upon the "Best Affordable Technology" and the protection of profit for the copper mining companies, instead of upon the protection of the public health. Arsenic is known to be carcinogenic and an extremely toxic poison. Zero emissions should be the goal- there is no safe exposure amount.

Under the proposed standards the approximate death rate per 10,000 people from cancer caused by these arsenic emissions is from 9.4 to 150. As a citizen of the United States I cannot accept that a profit margin is more important than even one of these lives. The first Constitutional right we have is life.itself. We are all entitled to the basic right to a clean, safe environment in which to live.

Furthermore, hearings on the proposed standards should be held in Arizona- preferably in Tucson, which is located near almost half of the nation's copper smelters. Arizonans should at least be heard on this issue for it is our lives which will be affected.

Sincerely,

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